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Climate Action Team and Stakeholders Debate Climate Change Reduction Strategies

LOS ANGELES – The Climate Action Team held the second of five regional presentations to discuss the Climate Action Report released last month. Panelists and members of the working group discussed the impacts of climate change on the environment and strategies to meet the Governor's aggressive climate change emission reduction targets.

"As one of the largest contributors of greenhouse gases, it's our moral responsibility to start implementing strategies to reduce climate change emissions here in California," said Dr. Alan C Lloyd, former Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and chair of the Climate Action Team. "The consequences of climate change on California are significant and may become quite severe. These include an increased threat of wildfires, a decrease in the sierra snowpack, damaged coastlines and an increase in air pollution, disease and pests."

In June 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order S-03-05, establishing the most ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of any state or nation in the world. The Order directed Cal/EPA to lead a multi-agency effort to meet the targets, and to report on the progress toward those goals every two years.

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